31. Issue of tiger farming and trafficking to tiger body parts discussed at the level of Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Environment and Forests with the Chinese Authorities.

32. Action taken for amending the Wildlife (Protection) Act to ensure effective conservation.

33. Initiatives taken for improving the field delivery through capacity building of field officials, apart from providing incentives.

34. Decision taken to host the World Tiger Summit in October-November, 2010.

Environmental clearance to SEZ developers from Gujarat

1869. SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received for environmental clearance to SEZ developers from Gujarat and the number of applications cleared, so far; and

(b) by when the remaining applications would be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) This Ministry has received 7 applications for approval of Terms of Reference (ToR) and 4 applications for environmental clearance for SEZ projects from Gujarat, out of which, ToRs were issued to all the 7 projects and environmental clearances were granted to 2 projects, 1 project was closed due to non-submission of information and 1 project is awaiting clarifications pertaining to Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ).

(b) The Environmental Impact Assessment Notification of September 2006 stipulates a time limit of 60 days for conveying the Terms of Reference to the applicant on receipt of application with all necessary documents. Further, a time limit of 105 days, after of the receipt of the complete application with all necessary documents, has been provided for environmental appraisal of the projects and conveying the decision.

Global warming

1870. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any assessment on the impact of global warming in the country as being forecasted by various experts and world bodies including the United Nations;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the Government's response in this regard;

(c) the strategy being finalized for combating the ill effects of the climate change; and

(d) the reasons for delay in responding to the challenge?